

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (previously presented) A method for producing textile items with "tricot-Raschel-crochet" linear looms (TR2) for warp knitting, having at least a first bed (FNA) of needles (N, N1), comprising the step of manufacturing at least a textile item (CM), characterized in that it comprises the step of moving at least said first needle bed (FNA) during said step of manufacturing said textile item (CM), said needle bed (FNA) moving in order to vary the knitting density by varying the height of the sinking plane (PAB) with respect to the needles (N) sliding in the same bed (FNA).
2. (original) The method according to claim 1, characterized in that it is executed on a machine (TR2) having further a second needle bed (FNP) and in that it further comprises the step of moving said second needle bed (FNP) during said step of manufacturing said textile item (CM).
3. (previously presented) The method according to claim 2, characterized in that said needle beds (FNA, FNP) can move parallel to a stroke of the corresponding needles (N).
4. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, characterized in that said needle beds (FNA, FNP) can move in order to vary the knitting density by varying the height of the sinking plane (PAB) with respect to the needles (N) sliding in the same beds (FNA, FNP).
5. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, characterized in that the needles (N) operate between two fixed, definite, alternate extreme positions.
6. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, characterized in that it comprises the step of shifting at least one of said needle beds (FNA, FNP) so that the corresponding sinking plane of the needle bed (FNA, FNP) lies below an extreme lower position of the needles (N), so as to interrupt knitting temporarily and modify the structure of said knitted fabric.
7. (original) The method according to claim 6, characterized in that it comprises the step of lifting again the needles (N), which previously could not produce new knitted fabric, to their

operating position so as to be fed a second time with the same yarn.

8. (original) A "tricot-Raschel-crochet" linear loom for warp knitting, comprising at least a first needle bed (FNA), characterized in that at least said first needle bed (FNA) is mounted movingly onto the loom and in that it further comprises means (GL, EX, EX2, L1, L2) for moving selectively said first needle bed (FNA) during the operation of the linear loom (TR2).

9. (original) The loom according to claim 8, characterized in that it further comprises a second needle bed (FNP).

10. (original) The loom according to claim 9, characterized in that said second needle bed (FNP) is mounted movingly onto the loom and in that said means (GL, EX, EX2, L1, L2) for moving act operationally also onto said second needle bed (FNP) and move it during the operation of the linear loom (TR2).

11. (previously presented) The loom according to claim 8, characterized in that said needle beds (FNA, FNP) can move parallel to the stroke of the corresponding needles (N).

12. (previously presented) The loom according to claim 8, characterized in that said needle beds (FNA, FNP) are basically vertical and parallel or basically horizontal and parallel.

13. (previously presented) The loom according to claim 8, characterized in that said moving needle beds (FNA, FNP) are mounted slidingly onto the loom (TR2) by means of at least a lateral guide (GL) fastened to a supporting frame of the loom (TR2).

14. (previously presented) The loom according to claim 8, characterized in that said means (GL, EX, EX2, L1, L2) for moving the needle beds (FNA, FNP) comprise cams (EX, EX2) and/or levers (L1, L2), connecting rods and cranks, traction or return or compression springs, guides (GL) and/or sliding planes, slots and guiding pins inserted therein.

15. (previously presented) The loom according to claim 8, characterized in that said means (GL, EX, EX2, L1, L2) for moving the needle beds (FNA, FNP) are connected to the general drive of the machine (TR2).

16. (previously presented) The loom according to claim 8, characterized in that said means (GL, EX, Ex2, L1, L2) for moving the needle beds (FNA, FNP) comprise a drive actuated by at least an electric motor connected to pushing, traction, torsion means, with direct, reduced, continuous, cyclical, controlled, gradual, micrometric movement.

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